Nepal, with a view to ensuring that adulterated food items do not find their way into the Indian market.

Opening of Consulates in Kerala

60. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of thirty lakhs Indians working in the Gulf countries, more than a half hail from Kerala and they have often to shuttle between Kerala and Delhi/Mumbai for attestation of travel documents and visas clearance;

(b) whether a consular presence of at least some of the Gulf countries like Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. UAE, Kuwait and Bahrain in the order of preference based on the Keralite population in these countries is required; and

(c) whether Government would take efforts at diplomatic level to open the Consulates of the above countries in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) All Indian nationals, including those from Kerala, need to approach the concerned Embassy in New Delhi or the concerned Consulate in the nearest city for obtaining visa and attestation of documents.

(b) and (c) Consular presence outside the capital city is considered by the foreign governments on the basis of their own assessment of their requirements and resources.

Release of funds under MPLADS

61. SHRI C.O. POULOSE:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount sanctioned, allocated and released to each Member of Parliament under MPLADS since 1995; year-wise;